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CONSUMER ALERT - APPLE *iBOOK* BATTERY RECALL

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AUGUSTA – This afternoon the Maine Department of Education was notified by Apple Computer Inc., of a battery recall related to iBook laptops in Maine. Of the 37,961 iBooks recently deployed to Maine schools in August 2006, four batteries have been identified and are being manually inspected by the Apple Project Team in Maine for replacement.

Bette Manchester, Director of Special Projects received the official information regarding the batteries in the new deployment of iBooks to Maine schools that began in August 2006. Apple's review of the battery serial numbers affected by yesterday's recall reveal that only four batteries out of the most recent shipment of units to Maine Schools need to be screened. Apple's project management team is contacting the schools and will replace those units at the identified school sites.

The Maine high schools with iBook deployments and owners of recently retired Maine Learning Technology Initiative laptops (originally deployed from February 2002 to June 2006) **MUST** follow the procedures outlined in the following notice from Apple which include: remove the battery, locate the battery serial number, check the battery serial number against the information on the following website <https://support09.apple.com/index.html>.

If the battery is on the recall list, follow step by step procedures on the listed website for a free battery replacement. Apple has initiated a worldwide exchange program and will provide eligible customers with a new replacement battery, free of charge.

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